



50th Anniversary Newsletter Summer 2012

Federation of
Ontario Cottage Owners' Associations

Free Cottage Succession Seminar
Keeping the "family" in the Family
Cottage

Saturday, July 21st

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.,
The Sands, Deacon

13163 Hwy. 60,
between Killaloe and the village of Golden Lake.
Plenty of parking.

Many of our recreational property owners are thinking of passing their Round Lake "Piece of Heaven" down to children or family members. FOCA is sponsoring this **free seminar to help you get the answers** you need to make the right decisions for future generations.

Peter Lilloco, a Peterborough lawyer who specializes in this subject, is forthright and entertaining in his presentation of the **legal and financial aspects** of bequeathing a cottage. He also tackles some of the more **practical and sensitive issues**, such as how to best avoid the stresses that inevitably arise among siblings re upkeep, usage, taxes, etc., and what can happen if there is a divorce.

We are grateful to FOCA for sponsoring this seminar. They have added it as an extra to their summer schedule, in order to bring it to our neck of the woods. This opportunity may not come our way again, so be sure to take advantage of it.

Other lake associations in our area are also informing their property owners of this free seminar. FOCA encourages you to ensure a seat by preregistering at
705-749-3622 or programs@foca.on.ca

Boating Hazard Markers

If you notice that a yellow RLPOA buoy is missing from its usual spot or taking refuge under your dock, please notify Marker Team Coordinator Neil Mantifel at 613-757-3064; 613-639-4592; mantifeln@aecl.ca

RLPOA MEMBERS'

50th Anniversary
Annual General Meeting

Saturday, July 28th

Saint Casimir's Church Hall,
Round Lake Centre

Registration at 9:00 a.m.
Meeting begins at 9:30 sharp.

The meeting is open to RLPOA members only, but if you have yet to renew your membership, you may do so at the door. We hope as many of you as possible will **join us to welcome President Rob Norris**, who brings his fresh energy and enthusiasm, as well as his impressive skills and experience to the position.

We look forward to updates from **Mayor Janice Visneskie** on Township affairs, and have also invited the four municipal councilors who represent Round Lake to attend. Another highlight of the meeting will be a presentation by Ministry of Natural Resources Senior Fish and Wildlife Technician **Darwin Rosien on plans for stocking Round Lake trout.**

On the business side, members will be asked to approve our financial report, **ratify an amendment to the By-law** (to establish appropriate cheque signing authority) passed at our June 2nd Board meeting, and to approve Board members who have been appointed to vacant positions or will be starting a three-year term.

**A great opportunity to get together with fellow members over coffee and anniversary cake!
Hope to see you there.**

Septic System Seminar
Wednesday, July 11th
6:30-9:00 p.m.
Killaloe Public School

A properly planned and functioning system is one of the essentials for preserving lake water quality. This excellent, free seminar is sponsored by the Golden Lake Property Owners' Association.

Water Levels

(By RLPOA Water Levels Chair Don Pouliot)

As of early June, lake water levels were about 5-6 inches lower than typical for this time of year. (See following water levels chart.) Renfrew Power Generation has indicated that although water flow at their Renfrew facility is running quite slowly (about one month earlier than normal) there is no issue or problem with lake levels and that Round Lake will continue to be held somewhat lower in anticipation of some repair work to be conducted on the Tramore dam weir. This work is tentatively scheduled to begin in the July/August timeframe.

Upgrades to the hydroelectric generation plants at Douglas and Eganville have been completed or are well on the way to completion, and a major upgrade to the Renfrew dam should start within the next month or so pending final regulatory approvals. The Renfrew project is quite extensive and has been named as the Thomas Low Project, in honour of the original builder of the lower plant facility. A description of the project can be accessed at the following website link: http://www.renfrewpg.ca/our_projects.php

Shoreline Protection Issues

As a result of queries from property owners regarding what effective erosion protection barriers can be utilized to prevent thermal ice push movement from damaging their shorelines, a request for recommendations was submitted to the MNR.

The request highlighted the fact that many cottage owners are (were) under the impression that MNR had recommended rock rubble barriers to preserve their shorelines from ice push as well as water based erosion. Accordingly, many have gone to great expense and labour to construct these barriers only to have them destroyed by the next ice push event, which has become an annual occurrence. The effect or the result is that many areas of Round Lake have been transformed over the past few years from beautiful sloping sandy beaches to unappealing rocky shorelines mainly as a result of ice push destroying these carefully erected rock based barriers.

Questions re Erosion protection and repairs

MNR was requested to provide clearly defined/updated directives of allowable rules/procedures, permits, fees, contacts, etc. addressing, in particular, the following:

- 1) As the rock rubble type of barrier is only good for limited erosion protection from wind/wave action and offers absolutely no protection from ice push, does the MNR have an alternative recommendation for ice push protection?
- 2) Do remedial repairs to destroyed barriers require permits?
- 3) Do 'Geo Tubes' offer an acceptable solution? (Note: Geo Tubes, a relatively new technology, are essentially sand filled tubes made of a very strong canvas type material that can be placed along waterfronts for erosion protection from wave/wind action, and could offer some protection from ice push by enabling ice to slip/slide up and fall backwards rather than plowing through the shoreline.)

The following is the verbatim MNR reply:

To: Don Pouliot, RLPOA Chair Water Levels
Subject: Shoreline Protection

Don:

I am writing in response to your emails from May 2, 2012 and May 15, 2012 related to shoreline protection on Round Lake.

I appreciate the feedback and associated questions you have posed and I'd like to take this opportunity to explain our mandate regarding work in and around water. It is important to understand that MNR's role does not include assessing or recommending technology related to shoreline protection. Consequently we do not provide advice in that area. Our advice to property owners on shoreline protection is that they should seek professional assistance from someone with engineering knowledge and expertise in shoreline protection in order to address their specific needs. This is also the case for the installation and use of Geo Tubes, which you referenced in your email on May 15, 2012.

You asked for clarification on when a work permit is required from MNR. Work permits are free of charge and are required when any shoreline work is being considered below the normal high-water mark. When we look at work permit applications related to shoreline work, some of those projects may very well be intended for shoreline protection, but the focus and intent of our review is related to the protection of aquatic habitat. If a property owner is unsure if a permit is required for specific work they should call the MNR. For further information I have attached an MNR work permit pamphlet.

You have also asked if repairs to damaged barriers might require permits. In most cases the replacement of rocks that have become dislodged and will be returned to their original location by hand will not require a new work permit. However these maintenance projects may differ on a case-by-case basis and we encourage property owners to give us a call.

Thank you for your ongoing feedback and interest in the shoreline of Round Lake. I hope the information I have provided is helpful to clarify MNR's role in shoreline protection and authorization of work in and around water. Please let us know if there is further information we can provide.

End.

Note: *The RLPOA has copied and enclosed in this newsletter package the information sent by MNR: "Crown Land Management – When is a Work Permit Required".*

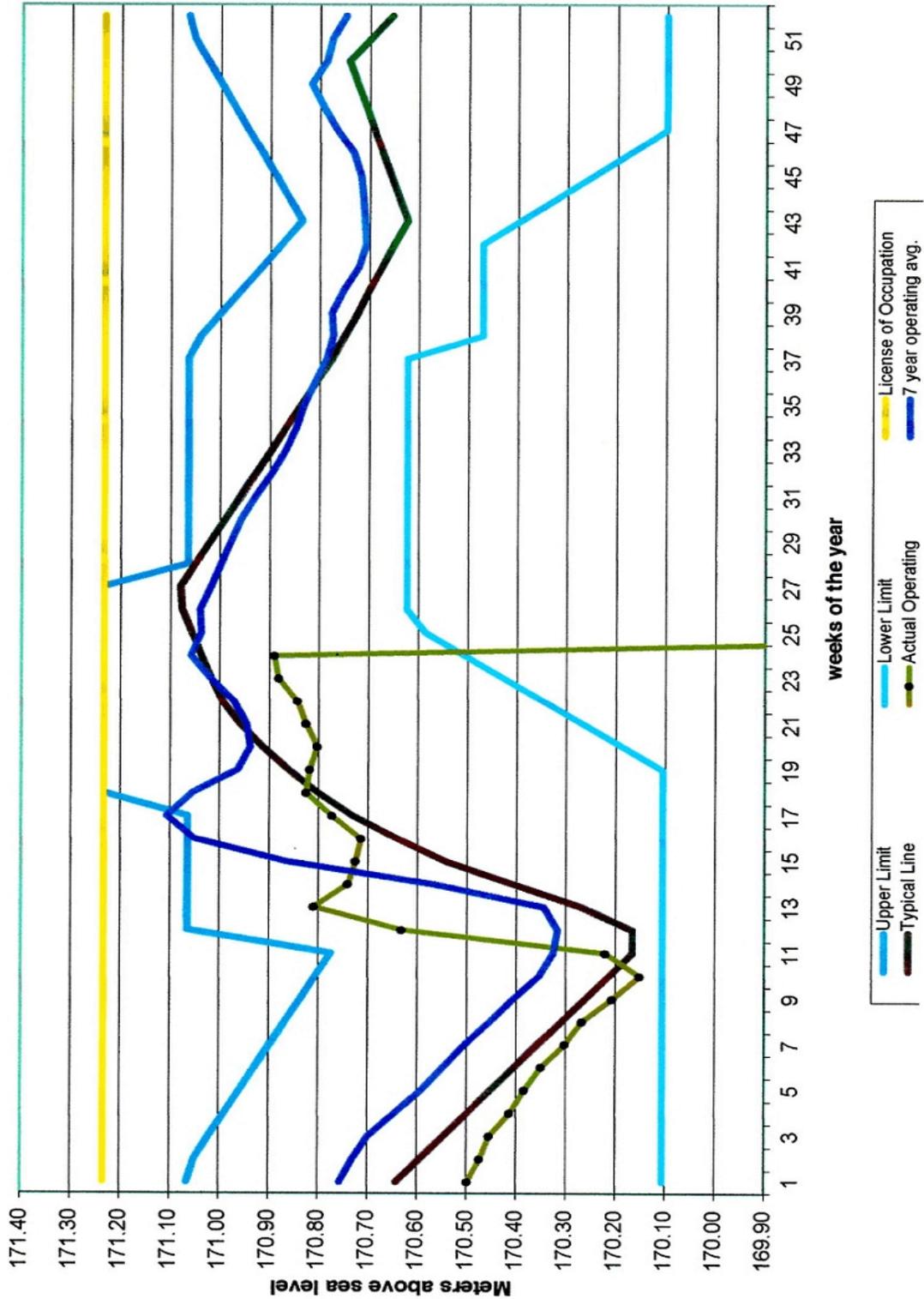
The RLPOA thanks the MNR for clarification of their mandate, which clearly indicates that the property owner is fully responsible for choosing technologically appropriate erosion control.

Continued

However as no barrier can protect against ice push, the RLPOA will continue to recommend and advocate for lowered winter water levels that would allow creation of a protective beach perimeter to accommodate ice travel as the only means to reduce the impact of ice push on upper shoreline areas.

The RLPOA would appreciate **your comments on this issue**. Please call or email **Don Pouliot** directly (**613-756-2631**; **djfp@sympatico.ca**) or discuss with your shoreline directors any concerns you may have with shoreline protection.

Round Lake Weekly Regime 2012 Week 24 June 11 to June 17 Logs 19





RLPOA 50TH Anniversary Retrospective



Foreword

(Wendy Engel)

Creating the Retrospective was a rewarding task. In reading through our records in order to highlight the activities and issues in which the RLPOA has been involved, I realized that I simply did not have enough time and space to describe the intensive, lengthy efforts of various individuals either on the Board or volunteering for the Association in other capacities. To all who have worked so hard on behalf of Round Lake and its property owners—and many continue to do so—we owe a huge debt of gratitude.

Although the RLPOA was formed in 1962, the first formal executive was established in 1965, and the meeting records we have start in 1969. Thanks to Don Burton's meticulous filing of minutes and correspondence from many of the years since, this project has been a pleasure.

Please forgive any errors or omissions in the attempt to provide you with a written trip through RLPOA history and some other points of interest.

1969 - 1970

- Concern re lack of postal service
- Petition opposes public dock at Round Lake Centre
- Water levels too high; winter shoreline damage
- Red Rock Road conditions
- Jacks Creek bridge condition
- Water quality program: surface sampling
- Garbage from winter fishing
- Looting of island property
- Overfishing of pickerel
- Recommend subdivision control
- Issue of claiming 66' waterfront road allowances
- Military training exercises a problem in deer hunting season
- Highway conditions; new highway plans
- Fish stocking
- Concern re fire protection
- Boating safety controls needed
- Lack of toilet facilities at "210 Beach" (Foy Park)

1970 – 1972

- Fall water level improved: no winter damage
- Spring levels high: significant damage
- Joined Fed. of Cottage Owners' Association
- Land/water use survey
- Need for reduction of two hills on Red Rock Road
- Request 30 mph limit for Red Rock Rd
- Concern re fire protection/response

1973 – 1974

- Concern re development on lake
- Concern re increase in number of boats (oil slick)
- Condition of Jacks Creek bridge, Red Rock Road
- Erosion at Paugh Creek (Eno Bay)
- Rocky Point boating hazard needs to be marked
- "No plans to develop" 210 Beach (Foy Park)
- Water quality good except for one tributary outlet
- Request septic tank installation be referred to County Health before building permits issued
- Red Rock Road conditions
- Concern re Renfrew Hydro plans to develop man-made lake at Sherwood River for hydro storage (Plan subsequently cancelled.)
- Individual property owners must take their own steps to obtain 66' road allowance
- Concern re camping on road allowances and at access roads
- Concerns re lake sustainability with further development
- Concern re overfishing

1974 – 1976

- Request for inspection of all septic tanks
- Need to elect RLPOA representative to Hagarty & Richards Council
- Water levels undermining tree roots
- Potential creation of a conservation authority
- Investigation as to whether cottage owners can cast municipal election votes in advance polls or by proxy
- Hwy 62 (Round Lake Road) conditions poor between Alice and Bonnechere
- 359 cottages, 7 commercial campsites on lake; RLPOA requests no further development
- Large fluctuations in water levels
- Request that road dust control be applied before long weekend in May
- RLPOA disbursements \$473.00 (1976)

1976 – 1978

- Begin SECCHI disc testing (water clarity) under MOE "Self Help" program
- Concern re potential further commercial campsite development
- Petition MOE to survey lake's water quality
- Concern re increased traffic on Red Rock Road, and parking in area of Foy Park beach
- Jacks Creek bridge hazardous
- Condition of municipal roads
- Condition of Red Rock Road dump
- "Swimmer's Itch"
- Highway 62 (Round Lake Road) condition

- Request MNR programs for pickerel stocking and clearing the lake of predator fish
- Request for speed signs on Red Rock Road
- Issue of high tax dollars vs. municipal services
- MOE inspection of cottage septic disposal systems: 72% of those inspected have satisfactory function; 13% are seriously impaired; numerous other non-compliance points identified (distance from water, etc.)

1978 - 1981

- Request investigation of Jacks Creek sedimentation (Findings: construction of groynes)
- Fisheries creel study indicates pickerel population healthy
- New location for Red Rock dump to be opened in spring
- Concern re fluctuating water levels; summer levels too low; Tramore dam in poor condition
- Ice fishing – broken bottles, gas, refuse
- Cottage break-ins
- Comprehensive questionnaire to property owners, rating areas of concern, recreation preferences, Bonnechere airport, campgrounds, RLPOA activities, zoning, and suggestions for RLPOA direction
- Concern re services for tax dollars

1981 – 1983

- Condition of Red Rock Road
- Concern re water levels
- Cars being washed at Round Lake Centre boat launch
- Ice fishing debris - MNR requiring license for fish huts to facilitate identification of owners; a number of charges are laid
- Marker installed on shoal off Red Rock Road
- High water levels cause excessive property damage and debris in lake (large trees and logs up to 40' long)
- Request for change to Round Lake dump site hours; Township agrees to 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. on Sundays during summer

1983 – 1986

- Foy Park development potential; RLPOA requests that a lake capacity study be done
- Water levels too high; investigation needed re amount of authority held by Renfrew Hydro
- Concern re potential PCB contamination from oil used as road dust suppressant
- Acid rain a concern
- Request to Township to provide additional advance polls for municipal election
- Repeat of request for lake capacity study re Foy Park development; other concerns listed were impacts re water quality, fishing, boating density; increased traffic on Red Rock Road

- Info on shoreline road allowances disseminated to property owners
- Problems with access to new highway from Hummingbird Lane

1986 – 1989 (Association inactive)

1990 – 1993

- List of concerns and recommendations developed: fishery decline; map of property owners for emergency services; Paugh Creek; garbage on land and shore; use of laundry soap and shampoo in lake; alteration of ecosystem; garbage dump fees and hours; taxes vs. services; shoreline damage due to water levels; Red Rock Road concerns (maintenance, speed, volume); parks; boating safety; invasive species
- Support for development of MTO corridor from Hwy. 62 (Round Lake Rd.) to Foy Park
- Water levels too high

1993 – 1994

- Water damage questionnaires distributed
- Participation in development of Municipal Building By-law
- Concerns re sale of Bonnechere airport
- Position that more stable water levels would result in less damage
- Support for developing MTO corridor for its entire length along Red Rock Road
- Municipal elections: information distributed re proxy forms and advance polls
- Advise Hagarty & Richards to be cautious in considering commercial development on shore
- RLPOA opposes use of calcium chloride on roads
- Water levels too high at freeze-up and too low in spring
- MNR agrees that Round Lake has suffered shoreline damage in excess of natural erosion

1995 – 1996

- Concern re market value assessment
- 66' shoreline road allowance issue continues
- Severe winter shoreline damage (1995)
- Lake level preferences survey conducted, resulting in recommendations of 106.8 local datum in early June, 106.4 over the recreational months of July and August, and down to 106.2 by September. RPG makes verbal commitment to an attempt to comply (within a 6" variation)
- 1996: Water levels rise to 108.2; low summer levels of 6.1-.2 are weather related
- Old Round Lake Centre boat launch ramp replaced

- Sign re prevention of zebra mussels installed at launch
- Concern re reduction of MNR fire response crews
- Concerns re lack of zoning between Red Rock Rd. and MTO corridor
- 911 Plan requires naming of private roads

1997

- Presentation to Hagarty & Richards council re mail-in voting
- Begin participation in MOE “Great Ontario Dip-in” (water quality monitoring program)
- Work continues on RLPOA Constitution
- Concern re speeding on Red Rock Road despite signs
- Summer water levels low; at freeze-up were 105.5 local data—lowest in many years. The latter and no major thaws in winter months resulted in no winter damage, however there was damage in the spring.
- Issue: long distance rate for calls between Pembroke and Round Lake

1998

- Spring flooding throughout Ottawa Valley avoided at Round Lake due to good capacity and quick action
- Donation to Killaloe Public Library
- Many costs downloaded to municipalities include policing
- RLPOA Policies & Procedures document ratified by members
- Weak pickerel fishery
- Public meetings on amalgamation of Hagarty & Richards and Killaloe
- Round Lake property owners contributing approximately 47% of municipal property tax revenue
- Concerns re power interruptions in general
- Ice storm leaves lake without power for up to 6 days; road crew works up to 2 weeks to reopen all roads
- “Fair Value Assessment” introduced

1999 - 2001

- Very little winter shoreline damage; lots of freshet and rain in spring
- Rocks added to Victoria Island shoal by Barry’s Bay Fish & Game Club to enhance spawning beds
- RLPOA Cottage Watch Program introduced
- Meetings with parks management re refuse and excrement at Foy Park; plans for development discussed
- Consideration of RLPOA stocking pickerel (Did not proceed due to likely poor viability of fingerlings)
- Red tape eliminated re acquiring 66’ shoreline road allowance
- Amalgamation of Townships of Killaloe and Hagarty & Richards completed July 1st, 2000
- RLPOA input re Renfrew County Land Use Plan

- KHR responds favourably to request for mail-in voting
- Spring water levels flooding causes erosion
- Concern re KHR permitting Hydro One to use Garlon 4 herbicide

2001

- Ministry of Natural Resources / power producers Bonnechere River Management Review to develop a Water Management Plan (WMP) begins; Round Lake representatives on Public Advisory Committee (PAC)
- RLPOA presents water levels concerns at public meeting
- Questionnaire to property owners to list their concerns and preferences re development of Foy Park. Results (76% not in favour of overnight use; 67% in favour of day park use) communicated to park management and planner; Park planning process begins
- Cottage Watch program expanded
- RLPOA anti-Pollution signs installed at boat launch locations
- Boating operator testing for Operator’s License begins

2002

- No shoreline damage
- RLPOA logo contest winner: Bonnie Summers
- RLPOA offers FOCA newsletter subscriptions
- First Annual RLPOA Business Directory developed and distributed
- First RLPOA dinner dance held at St. Casimir’s Church hall
- RLPOA clothing with embroidered logo introduced
- Constitution revamped
- Formal stewardship program in place
- RLPOA becomes incorporated and insured
- Motorboat operator competency exams held at the lake
- Hydro One petitioned re frequent and prolonged power outages
- Continued concerns re lack of toilet facilities at Foy Park
- RLPOA suggestions included in Renfrew County Plan
- Boating hazards identified and GPS’d
- West Nile virus concern
- RLPOA Registered in MOE’s Lake Partners Program

2003

- Formation of RLPOA Water Levels Response Committee to assist in promoting to PAC an operating regime of 6.0 (lowest) to 6.8 (highest) for Round Lake
- Boating hazard markers in place
- Maps (911 and bathymetry) distributed to all RLPOA members
- Concerns re increase of cormorant population
- RLPOA baseline study of water quality begins

- Annual contributions introduced for high school graduate bursary, Bonnechere River Watershed Project (stewardship group), and Round Lake Recreation (stewardship group), and Round Lake Recreation
- Draft Water Management Plan (WMP) presented by MNR at Open House meets with uproar of concern that it would continue—and exacerbate—shoreline damage; property owners assured that it would be monitored and there would be a process for alterations; period of opportunity for public feedback on Draft plan; RLPOA opposes plan; Renfrew Power Generation gives seminar on “Erosion Protection”; rock rubble one of suggested solutions; RLPOA presents alternative plan to MNR, but effort unsuccessful
- Margo (Turpin) Fraser swims across the lake and back
- 2nd RLPOA dinner dance

2004

- PAC passes Water Management Plan with formal dissenting opinions on record from two Round Lake reps and one other member; Plan is implemented
- High water levels at 2003 freeze-up contribute to significant winter damage around the lake; MNR expedites work permits for shoreline repair
- RLPOA supports FOCA’s position that Ministry of Housing require old septic systems to be brought into line with present day standards
- Invasive Species Watch signs delivered to all campgrounds
- Partnering with parks management to install anti-pollution reminder signs at Foy Park
- First annual meeting of informal “Interlake” associations initiated by and held at Round Lake
- Well Aware booklets delivered to all property owners

2005

- Severe shoreline damage in winter and with unprecedented high spring levels
- RLPOA opinion survey results in a high return of support for RLPOA’s position on water levels
- RPG ice study completed
- Water Management Plan (WMP) Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) formed; RLPOA represented by Water Levels Chairman D. Pouliot
- RLPOA initiates annual support to Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation (WRAFT) lobbying provincially re MPAC waterfront property assessments and taxation
- OFAH tests reveal presence of spiny water flea (invasive species) in Round Lake, but no evidence of zebra mussel veligers
- Comprehensive RLPOA By-law (in keeping with legal and insurance requirements) developed and ratified

2006

- More winter shoreline damage
- A phase of the public consultation schedule is dropped from the Foy Park planning process (The Draft Plan has not been presented to date, 2012.)
- FOCA Dock Talk program at Round Lake (private environmental assessments of properties for voluntary participants)
- WRAFT escalating efforts; 334 Round Lake property owners sign petition of support
- Provincial legislation passed giving law enforcement authorities the right to suspend licenses of individuals convicted of an alcohol-related offence while operating a boat
- Coalition I08, a private group of property owners, organizes to seek through litigation a solution to issues of property damage due to management of water levels

2007 - 2008

- Schroeter family takes a January 7th dip in the lake
- Eurasian watermilfoil (invasive aquatic plant) identified in Round Lake
- Contribution of \$2,000 to RPG fish study
- FOCA’s Dock Talk returns to Round Lake
- Participation in Golden Lake POA’s cell phone service survey
- RLPOA hosts presentation by Bob Topp, WRAFT chairman (In the subsequent provincial election, waterfront property taxes took a back seat to school funding issues.)
- Centennial plaque presented to Killaloe
- Unprecedented flooding
- Concerns re Foy Park development presented to Park Planning team
- RLPOA website developed
- Database developed for property owners’ email addresses
- Coalition I08 litigation initiated against Renfrew Power Generation
- Successful modeling of proposed RLPOA/GLPOA and amendments to WMP completed

2009

- “Trout box” (water levels contingency for hatch) removed from WMP, allowing more reservoir capacity for spring freshet
- MNR suggests a four-year trial of lower fall water levels during trout spawning, to prevent winter shoreline damage.
- RPG withdraws as proponent of WMP amendments, citing as reasons the impending C108 litigation and the need to do further impact studies
- RLPOA web site launched
- Sept. deadline for all operators of powered pleasure crafts to have Operator’s Proficiency License on board
- Township begins long-term waste management planning

2010

- RLPOA delivers two booklets –“Safe Boating” and “Shoreline Owners’ Guide to Healthy Waterfront Living”–to all property owners
- Bonnechere River High Water Emergency Communications Committee formed
- Draft Bonnechere/Foy Park plans must be revamped to incorporate Endangered Species Act considerations
- Some winter shoreline damage; none in spring due to dry weather and not much ground frost
- RPG log pull records obtained under Freedom of Information Act
- Banded Mystery Snail (invasive species) identified in Round Lake
- Township dock installed at Round Lake Centre

2011

- Lake residents and Parish at large mourn the passing of Father George Olsen due to a tragic fire at Saint Casimir’s Church rectory
- RLPOA introduces option of accessing newsletters via website only
- New boating hazard buoys that meet Ministry of Transport standards are installed; Township donates 50% of cost
- Winter shoreline damage
- Spring high water damage devastating to many properties; more recent log pull records obtained under the Freedom of Information Act; RPG found by MNR to have been “out of compliance” with Water Management Plan (WMP)
- Mayor Janice Visneskie petitions Minister of Natural Resources for a thorough review of the WMP and the need for substantive amendments
- Township plans to export organic waste, enhance recycling programs, close Red Rock site for public use to reduce costs, and expand hours at the Round Lake transfer station site
- After thorough consultations and consideration of prognosis for pickerel stocking, RLPOA decides not to proceed
- MNR Fish and Wildlife Specialist Darwin Rosien finds a fish hatchery that can grow “Round Lake” trout to a survivable size for stocking, and obtains initial funding for project
- Cougar sighting on Round Lake Road between Jacks Lake and Beechnut Lake Road
- C108 lawsuit qualifies as a class action
- Plans to conduct opinion surveys re need for boating speed restrictions on Sherwood and Bonnechere Rivers, and a Township noise by-law.
- RLPOA disbursements \$1,743.00

2012

- Winter shoreline damage not as widespread due to lower levels at freeze-up; no spring damage due to mild freshet and less rain
- Water Management Plan Review to begin
- KHR adds mandatory use of clear garbage bags to Waste Management Plan to encourage recycling; Plan to be implemented in September, pending MOE approvals
- RLPOA conducts opinion poll re boating speed restrictions (on Bonnechere and Sherwood Rivers) and noise by-law
- FOCA) to sponsor Cottage Succession seminar in our area
- RLPOA continues to work hard for the lake and its waterfront property owners

RLPOA BOARDS

(In order of appearance)



Presidents

A. C. Coombes, Frank Callaghan, M. Pennock, Royce Richardson, Wilf Smith, Frances Lemke, Fred Cooke, Frances Lemke, Bill Bromely, Bob Dey, Bob Bailey, Doug Junop, Rob Duggan, Don Burton, Steve Whitton, Wendy Engel, Bill Goderre, Wendy Engel, Rob Norris

Secretaries

P. J. Dowell, Ivan Porter, Doreen Sutherland, Carol Smith, Mary Reynolds, Lorraine McDonald, Lorraine Murphy, Edna Laginski, Mike Lynch, Gregg Cybulski, Don Burton, Wendy Engel, Rosemary Stringer, Sherry Crone, Melissa Marquardt, Peter Fischer

Treasurers

Jack Haeni, Grace Thrasher, Gregg Cybulski, Kim Mantifel, Ron White, Doug Fraser, Geoff Dean

Water Levels Chairmen

Neil Mantifel, Jim Dobenko, Don Pouliot

Lake Stewards

Frank Mallett, Larry Wade

Directors

(In alphabetical order):

Harry Bailey, Thomas Blake, Don Bohart, Carole Bromley, Larry Brum, Shirley Burton, Lyn Carmody, Ron Clackett, Joscelyn Coolican, Win Cotnam, Greg Cybulski, Paul Cybulski, M. J. Deeks, Doug Desjardins, Isobel Dixon, J. T. Dixon, John Dixon, Linda Dombroski, Mike Eno, Ron Fabian, Shirley Gavin, Linda Gavin McCrae, Ernie Gilchrist, David Giroux, Steve Grieveson, Paul Harter, Martin Hawes, Barry Helman, Kevin Holst, Patricia Holst, Debbie Hopper, Lyn Joyce, Cathy Junop, Bill Justason, Mike Kendall, Ken Klawitter, Steve Kopeschny, Sheila Lucas, Michael Lynch, J. MacIntyre, Frank Mallett, Harmon Markus, Rick Marquardt, Brenda Maxwell, Gordon McCay, Evelyn McCue, Vince McCue, Mac McCrimmon, Fran McDermott, Inez McQuarter, Glenn Nixon, R. Nixon, Father John O'Malley, Duncan Phillips, Frank Prothero, Theresa Roach, Marv Robinson, Fred Rowlinson, Joanne Rowlinson, Millie Schlupp, Joe Shires, David Smiley, Joan Smiley, Linda Stock, Earl Sunderland, Grace Thrasher, Howie Urlich, Gunilla Wade, Pete West, Gail White

Hazard Marking Team Chairmen (non board)

Bill Justason, John Dixon, Bill Goderre, Neil Mantifel

A Small Fee for Considerable Services

Membership fees

1970 - \$3.00
1981 - \$5.00
1993 - \$10.00
2002 - \$15.00
2009 - \$20.00

How We Have Grown

Membership Numbers:

1971, 132; 1972, 137; 1973, 43; 1974, 92; 1975, 67;
1976, 130; 1977, 113; 1978, 149; 1979, 165; 1981, 76;
1982, 158; 1983, 100; 1990, 100; 1993-167; 1996, 212;
1997, 204; 1999, 201; 2000, 212; 2001, 220; 2002, 259;
2003, 275; 2004, 261; 2005, 294; 2006, 268; 2007, 261;
2008, 273; 2009, 284; 2010, 295; 2011, 279

.... and Forward:

We would really appreciate your helping the RLPOA achieve the "300" mark in this 50th Anniversary Year!

RLPOA Programs

The following highlights just some of the ongoing work of the RLPOA on behalf of Round Lake and its property owners.

Stewardship – monitoring of lake water quality through regular testing; education to property owners on best practices to preserve the quality of Round Lake; representation on Township Waste Management Committee; support for Bonnechere River Watershed Project (stewardship group); anti-pollution signs and education; participation in Interlake stewardship group

Safety - Boating Safety: hazard marking program includes supply, installation, monitoring, removal, and maintenance of yellow buoys; coloured lake maps to members; education. Cottage Watch: delivery of engravers to registrants for marking identification onto their items of value; education.

Fish Stocking - A great deal of investigation went into consideration of pickerel stocking, but fingerlings are unlikely to survive the predator fish and environmental conditions in Round Lake. We will be supporting the MNR stocking of Round Lake Trout that can be grown to a size conducive to their survival in the lake.

Issues and Negotiations - These are many. (See "Retrospective".) Sometimes our efforts and input bring immediate rewards, such as in Renfrew County Plan, mail-in voting, and various aspects of waste management planning. As other issues such as water levels are ongoing, exerting continued pressure and maintaining our place on behalf of the lake at the negotiating table are extremely.

Other - Too numerous to mention all within this newsletter space, however two of the larger programs are Communications (newsletters, website, email notifications), and Community Involvement (support for activities in the community at large, maintaining good communications with the Township, and the Annual RLPOA Business Directory).

Grateful RLPOA Kudos

To **Lori Giroux**, who shoulders the large task of membership processing and makes sure all of our data is in order and updated, and to **Glenda Baker**, who works her magic to make our newsletters attractive and readable.

KHR Fire Department Open House

Saturday, July 21st
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Round Lake Fire Hall, 2995 Round Lake Road

- See our six KHR Fire Trucks
- Mini Fire Truck Rides for Kids
- Fire Equipment Displays and Demonstrations
- Forest Fighting Equipment by an MNR Ranger Crew
- OPP Display
- Paramedic Service display
- Free Draws
- Meet Sparky - our Fire Department Mascot
- Free hot dogs and beverages
- Just after lunch, see an extrication demonstration involving both the Paramedic Service and the KHRFD

The RLPOA appreciates the dedication of our local emergency crews. Please help them to help us. The following basic points may save your life, and your property!

- ✓ Smoke detectors are required by law in homes, travel and tent trailers, cabins, bunkies—any enclosed sleeping accommodations. Be sure your batteries are current.
- ✓ Carbon monoxide detectors are recommended. Both sides of your 911 sign should be clearly visible from the road.
- ✓ Keep lanes brushed to a minimum width of 14 feet on both sides, to allow emergency vehicles adequate clearance.
- ✓ Post your civic address in a prominent place near your telephone. Renters and guests (and distressed owners) will need to give the necessary information if they have to make that call to 911.
- ✓ Daytime burning is not allowed. Burning is not allowed at any time during dry periods. Keep an eye on the hazard conditions dial near the Round Lake Fire Hall at 2995 Round Lake Road, west of Round Lake Centre. Fire hazard warnings are also posted on MNR's website (Pembroke District).

A false alarm bylaw is now in effect in KHR. On the first occasion, the property owner receives a written warning. Subsequent false alarms result in stiff fines.

Volunteers Are Needed for RLOPA Board Positions!

Please see the mail-in sheet. If you need further information, please feel welcome to contact Wendy (613-592-1758; wengel@rogers.com).

RLPOA Opinion Polls

The RLPOA sent survey forms with our winter newsletter to all property owners on Round Lake and the Bonnechere River between the lake and Tramore dam. One form asked for opinions as to **whether the RLPOA should request that the Township again consider developing a Noise By-law.** Forms were included for property owners on the Bonnechere and Sherwood Rivers as to whether they support the idea of **boating speed restrictions on those rivers.**

Forms were re-sent (with the spring newsletter) to all who had yet to respond. The newsletter included notification of a **June 8 deadline** and that **participation was limited to one form per property.**

The response rate was good, but **the deadline was not well thought-out:** it didn't take our Board meeting schedule (June 2nd) into consideration. As results must be reviewed by the Board before publication, and as our summer newsletter must be set up in mid June and delivered to property owners over the July long weekend, we apologize that we are unfortunately **not able to publish the results in this newsletter.** We will utilize future opportunities.

Communications

Have you sent us your e-mail address?

There are occasions when our newsletter schedule is not timely for short-notice or emergency notifications. Please use your mail-in sheet to make sure we have your contact info. **Our RLPOA email address list is used for RLPOA business only**, and is not shared with any outside organization. **We are careful to "blind copy"**.

Newsletters

As newsletters are only directed to property owners within our membership area, they are posted in a protected area of our RLPOA website (www.rlpoa.info). Instructions as to how to access this section are included in our winter and spring newsletters.

In 2010-2011, the RLPOA offered members the opportunity to opt for accessing the newsletter by website only. When it was posted, the members were notified by email. This resulted in both a considerably reduced response rate and a significant addition to administrative tasks—keeping track of who wished to receive hard copies and who were opting into (and sometimes back out of) accessing the newsletters electronically. The RLPOA returned in 2012 to the hard-copy-to-all tradition. **We assure you that we do not share our mailing lists with any outside organization.**